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1	Α.	Yes.
2	Q.	And the advertising of the products?
3	Α.	Yes.
4	Q.	The promotion of the products?
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6	Q.	The sales of the products?
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	Prior to helping to start Babco Foods,
9	how were you	employed?
10	A.	I was employed by a company in the
11	Middle East	called Khimji Ramdas and I was senior
12	divisional m	anager with them, manager of the entire
13	division of	foods products.
14		Before that, I worked 14 years with a
15	British comp	any called Inchcape.
16	Q.	Can you spell that?
17	A.	I-n-c-h-c-a-p-e. I was involved in the
18	wholesale di	vision, but I was also the manager of the
19	wholesale di	vision in the distribution of food
20	products lik	e Nestle, Kraft, Kellogg's, McIntosh,
21	internationa	l brands; British, American. I was
22	involved in	that process.
23	Q.	Okay. Would you please describe the
24	business of	Babco Foods?
25	A.	We import and distribute predominantly

- South Indian products. Major portion is snacks from the four companies we buy our brand. We buy our Anand brand. We manufacture them and we bring it here in containers and distribute all over the U.S.
- Q. Okay. Besides Anand brand, do you distribute products from other parties also?

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- A. Yeah, we distribute another 20 brands.
- Q. Okay. And what are those brands? What type of products are you distributing under those other brands?
- A. Spice mixes, gravies, various type of rice products. South India is a rice-based region. They grow rice there. And predominantly, they prepare their snacks with rice as a base. And there are different types of rice to prepare different products; plus pickles, fry-and-eat items.

And you have a few varieties of South Indian desserts like, mainly, candies.

- Q. Okay. And you mentioned that you predominantly sell South Indian products.
- What do you mean by, "South Indian products"?
- A. There is a vast difference in South

 Indian eating habits and North Indian eating habits.

 And these products, we cater to the needs of South

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- 1 Indian in the U.S.A.
- In South India, there are four states.
- 3 The first is Andhra, A-n-d-h-r-a. The second is
- 4 Tamail Nadu, T-a-m-a-i-l-n-a-d-u. Third is Kerala,
- 5 K-e-r-a-l-a. And fourth is Karnataka,
- 6 K-a-r-n-a-t-a-k-a.
- So we bring food products from these

 8 four states from South Indian. Of course, we bring

 9 products from North Indian also from two companies.

 10 But, more than 90 percent of the products that are
- coming out of South Indian and we cater to these four
- 12 states in the U.S.A.

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- Q. Could you describe for us your relationship with south India?
- I am a South Indian. And I went to 15 Α. 16 South Indian to identify the products before bringing 17 them here. I was visited all four factories there and I lay down manufacturing plan for them as per FDA 18 standpoint starting from raw material acquisition and 19 20 cleaning the raw material and processing, frying the products, packing the products, and every aspect of 21 2.2 hygiene like frying rooms and packing rooms. are no inlets. So there, no insects can come in or 23 2.4 flies can come in. There are a fly catchers. Double

doors, wide-measure door. And walls are white.

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- A. Yes. And these products are, you know, the taste of Karnataka people. So we cater to the needs of Karnataka people.
- Q. Okay. And the next one is, "Anand Products Kerala."
 - A. Kerala is another state in South India. It is a large state. It is a large community here. And we cater to the needs of this community in South India. Kerala is a state.
 - Q. You say you cater to the needs of --
- 12 A. Kerala community.
 - Q. Kerala community where?
 - A. In U.S.A.
- Q. In the U.S.A. Going two more pages,

 "Anand Red Chiles South India"?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And what does this represent?
- A. These are dried chiles; whole, dried
 chiles and we bring them from Tamailnadu, from
 Andhra, and from Karnataka because they are different
 varieties of chiles.
- Q. Okay. And to your knowledge, is -- are these pages publicly available to consumers on the World Wide Web?

- Q. Okay. And are all of these products currently being sold?
 - A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Okay.

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5 MR. RANNELLS: I'll mark this as Exhibit 6 No. 4.

(Whereupon, the Five-Page Trademark Electronic Search System of Anand is received and marked Exhibit-4 for Identification.)

- Q. Before going onto the next exhibit, referring back to Exhibit No. 3 which is before you, are all of these products sold in the United States?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. I'm showing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 4.
- Can you describe what that is?
- 17 A. This was Anand trademark registered in 2003.
- MR. RANNELLS: For the record, it was filed in 2003 and it was registered July 12, 2005.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- MR. RANNELLS: And I'm placing on the
 record that this is a copy from the U.S. Patent and
 Trademark Office Trademark -- well, U.S. Patent and
 Trademark Office database showing the current status

- A. Chennai, C-h-e-n-n-a-i, mixture, we sell under the Anand brand in the U.S.A. 0013.
- Roasted chick peas, we sell under Anand brand in U.S.A. 0014.
- Roasted green peas, we sell under Anand brand in U.S.A. 0015.
- 7 Bangalore mixture, we do not sell it.
- 8 Kerala, K-e-r-a-l-a, hot mixture, we sell under Anand
- 9 brand in the U.S.A. 0017.
- 10 Kerala mixture, we sell under Anand
- 11 | brand in the U.S.A. 0018.
- 12 Murukku sticks, we sell under Anand
- 13 | brand in the U.S.A. 0019.
- 14 Tapioca sticks, we sell under Anand
- 15 | brand in the U.S.A. 0020.
- MR. DEFRANCESCO: What are they called
- 17 also?
- 18 THE WITNESS: Cassava. It's a Spanish
- 19 word maybe. They call it Yucca. It's a long root.
- A. Tapioca salted sticks, 0021, we sell in
- 21 the U.S.A. under Anand brand.
- Jack fruit, we sell under Anand brand in
- 23 U.S.A. 0022.
- 24 Special Kerala same as is this product
- on the first page. (Witness indicated.) So we sell

1999, I felt that I was visiting the market of the
United States and we were doing all shopping in the
North Indian markets and we saw no South Indian
products there. And I saw a lot of South Indians
shopping there. So I felt that, you know -- I was in
my early 50s at that time and I thought, "I'm going
to start something."

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- In my background, I have a lot of friends over the years and all that support and I felt that, "Okay. Let me introduce South Indian products in the North Indian market."
- That does not mean we restrict to South Indian stores. South Indian stores, you know, are very small stores. Now, the North Indian stores are comparatively very huge stores.
- So I contacted the people and I brought two containers of product, one from Karnataka and one from Kerala and I brought them because I was new and I was very scared to go to.
- Q. When you say, "product," are you talking Anand brand product?
- A. Anand brand snacks. When I took these products to the North Indian stores, they said, "No, we don't sell South Indian products."

So I presented the case. I said, "I am

- chains. I introduced to them and after about eight to ten days, they call me. "Supply another cases."
- I went all the northeast starting from
- 4 Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey,
- 5 Philadelphia, Delaware, Baltimore, Wash -- Maryland,
- 6 and northern Virginia. I went to all these stores.
- 7 It took a long time for me to introduce these
- 8 products.

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- And gradually, they liked the product

 and that is the first time to my knowledge that, you

 know, North Indian products -- South Indian products
- 12 came to the North Indian market.
- And gradually, you know, we are -- since

 I work for all British companies, we have an

 eight-point selling plan going, greeting them and

 arranging the goods. We call it merchandising.
 - Q. Does this eight-point --
- 18 A. Selling plain.
 - Q. It came from where?
- 20 A. I worked with companies like Nestle,
- 21 Kraft, Kellogg's. They trained me.
 - Q. They have a similar plan?
- A. Yes. I introduced this plan.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- A. And for many people in the Indian market

in the U.S.A., it's a novel idea. "Why this guy
taking all the inventory from inside under the
shelf?" And I made the order. I did not go and ask
the people, "What do you want," no, because if I ask,
"What do you want," they're going to give me an order
of five or six cartons. If I book the order, I sell
about 25 to 30 cartons.

So I made the order, went to the store.

I asked them to introduce those products. And the new products, I introduced gradually. I got on the shelf three feet. My shelf went up to 20 feet.

- Q. You're talking about shelf space?
- A. Shelf space.
- Q. That's for Anand brand products?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. In the United States?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. So the shelf space went from 3 to
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- A. Three to ten times. It went up to 20 feet in three years time.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. And then, about --
- Q. If I could just interrupt you for a

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with the brands state by state. And all states today, we're selling the brand in 45 states.

Q. Okay.

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A. And I have about four or five years' time that people saw that, big companies, I went to them. I went to Patel Brothers and House of Spices, Deep Foods (ph.) So that caught their eye. We're selling a big amount of South Indian. They're from North Indian. South Indian products are foreign to them.

And they also brought the brand called Amma and Deep brand. But, I was aware they are not authentic South Indian products. They can't sell like ours in the market.

Q. When you say, "they can't," what do you mean?

Why can't they?

A. I'm South Indian. If anybody gives me
North Indian product and asks, "How is it," for me,
with North Indian product, I cannot distinguish which
is good and which is bad.

I had in my mind they will not be authentic products from South India. And gradually, it came down, their sales. And Anand became still strong, prominent brand in the market.

Q. When you say, "strong, prominent brand," were there other South Indian brands in the market other than Anand at that time?

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- A. There were two new brands. One is called Amma, A-m-m-a. It means mother. And second brand is called Udupi, U-d-u-p-i which is a famous temple in South India. So these two brands came from two big companies and I was scared of their money.
 - Q. What time period was this?
- A. It's in the year about 2006 or 2007, they started selling it.
- Q. Just to interrupt. Before 2006 or 2007, did you have any major competitors of South Indian snack foods in the market?
 - A. No, they're the lowest group.
- Q. So going back to 2006 or 2007 with the two competitors, could you just continue?
- A. 2006, these two competitors came and they snatched our sales and we were very scared because they were giving heavy discount.
- But, gradually, because of the quality of the product, their sales came down. Anand still remained as a dominant brand in the market and --
- Q. When you say, "dominant brand," what do you mean?

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- Q. Okay. And what kind of market share, in your opinion, did or does Anand brand products have today?
- A. Today, we have -- by talking to the store people and looking at our shelf space, we are about 50 percent market share.

MR. GUARINO: Objection. Witness is not qualified to give testimony in this area.

Q. And so you said that was based upon -- well, one of the things was shelf space.

What do you mean?

- A. The number of feet occupied by each brand and by talking to the shelf manager, how much they buy.
- Q. When you say talking to them about how much they buy, do they indicate for you what the sale of your South Indian brand products are?
 - A. Yeah, they mention market share.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. So we estimate. We do not have any official survey. We feel that, you know, we have -- anywhere we go, we can see Anand is very prominently displayed from the other two brands.

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- 1 | feet, but it was reduced to three to four feet.
- Q. Who is that?
 - A. Amma brand and Udupi space.
- 4 MR. GUARINO: Can you spell those?
- THE WITNESS: Amma, A-m-m-a; and Udupi,
- 6 | U-d-u-p-i.

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- Q. Do you go out in the marketplace yourself and see how your products are displayed?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And do you also -- on these trips, do
 you see how your competitors' South Indian products
 are displayed?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And do you take note of the shelf space that you have as opposed to the shelf space of your competitors in the South Indian smack market?
- 17 A. Yeah.
 - Q. And based upon that, is it your opinion that the shelf space of Anand brand products is larger than the shelf space of any other competitor in the market right now?
 - A. Yeah.
- Q. By how much?
- A. Mainly, I can say that all of the brands, you know, we are about -- there are more

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sale selling products of the markets.

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- Q. Okay. And what is it? What does this represent?
- A. Landed cost which is from FOB. That is freight on board. Most companies quote FOB. Now, however, land cost from FOB, it cost like, you know, freight and terminal handling charges, truck charges, et cetera -- average, it cost us about 22 to 25 percent from FOB to land cost.

So on land cost, we keep it about 30 to 40 percent to cover our expenses and then we sell it to the supermarkets --

- Q. Okay.
- A. -- our stores.
- Q. And does this represent annual sales of Anand brand products in the United States from the year 2003 to the year 2013?
 - A. Right.
- Q. And what are -- what were your sales in 2014, your wholesale sales of Anand products in the United States?
- A. 2014, I'm not very sure because we have not produced our results. We have to wait for three weeks. We just come back. So it should be maybe about 2.8.

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1	Q. Okay.
2	A. 2.8.
3	Q. Do you mean million dollars?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Okay. And what is the typical markup
6	for wholesale which is indicated on Exhibit-7 to
7	retail sales?
8	A. Retail is, okay, between 35 to 40
9	percent on this price. (Witness indicated.)
10	Q. How do you advertise your Anand brand
11	products in the United States?
12	A. Through the newspapers. Through the
13	magazines. And we do commercials. TV commercials in
14	a particular language called Malayalam from the
15	Kerala community which we sell a lot of these
16	products. And other than and then, we aired it.
17	Total cost, it was about \$3,000.
18	And then, magazines. We advertise in
19	two magazines.
20	Q. Which magazines are those?
21	A. One Asian Era. It is an English
22	magazine. And another is Malayalam,
23	M-a-l-a-y-a-l-a-m, magazine. We advertise in those
24	regularly.
25	Q. And then, you say you advertise in those

And it happened to me and me wife that when we were in Maryland, one supermarket we have Anand and when we saw it, it is Anand Bhogh.

And when we were in California once in the northern tip of the state, one of the stores said, you know, "We have Anand snacks," and it was Anand Bhogh.

But, our sales managers noticed several times. So they had to convince them, "This is not Anand. This is not Anand product. It is Anand Bhogh." But, they were a little confused because of the name. So we have to convince them about that.

And when they say that, you know, do you have any order for that and we make order for our Anand product and then we buy all the Anand Bhogh products after that.

Q. Okay.

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(Whereupon, the Four-Page Local Price List as of February 7, 2014 is received and marked Exhibit-9 for Identification.)

Q. Mr. Vaz, you've just been shown what's been marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 9. Just please review it.

Does this document come from the books and records of Babco Foods?

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- Q. And what does it represent?
- A. They are our wholesale selling prices to the market.
- Q. And does this list show all of the products sold by Babco Foods?
 - A. Yes, Anand products.
 - Q. Okay. And when was this list effective?
 - A. I don't know a date, but, you know, it is the latest supply list. Maybe produced about two months ago.
 - Q. There is a section on the first page, it says, "Kerala pickles, "and there is a strike through it?
 - A. It says local price as of 2-7-14. I'm sorry. That means, February 7, 2014. It is mentioned here.
 - Q. So this was the local price as of February 7, 2014?
 - A. Correct, yes.
- Q. Drawing your attention to the first page on the strike-throughs.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Could you explain what the strike-throughs represent?

- Q. Mr. Vaz, what does the term Anand mean?
 - A. It means joy, happiness.
 - Q. And why did you pick it? Why did you pick that name?
- A. It took a long time to give a brand name. We do not want a regional name, related to one state. We wanted a name common to the entire India. First of all, you know, when you eat the snacks, it gives you joy. Secondly, there's a very large community in North India. We greet them. We greet, "Khem cho." How are you? And they reply as, "Anand che." It means, "I'm happy."
 - Q. May be if you could spell the beginning of the salutation?
 - A. That is K-h-e-m, c-h-e.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. I'm sorry. I mean, k-h-e-m, c-h-o. And they same Anand che.
- So we felt, you know, it's a national name. Everybody knows it. So let's give this name and when we people eat the snacks, it brings joy.

When I mention it took about six months because my wife jumped out of bed and said, "This is the name I want." And it became an instant success because everybody knew that name, Anand.